

THUG ATTACKS WOMAN AND TAKES PURSE

Fourth Victim of Assault and Robbery Reported in Fashionable Cleveland Park.

MAKES AWAY WITH \$10.75

Detective Bureau Assigns Large Force to Investigate Activities of Highwaymen.

While police and detectives were securing the city last night for the hold-up men, a series of daring street robberies here Saturday night, a fourth person was held up, assaulted and robbed at a lonely spot in Cleveland Park, shortly after 7 o'clock.

The latest victim is Alice Tilghman, a colored domestic at the home of William R. Blair, 329 Porter street northwest. Her assailant, after striking her two blows in the face, fled with her purse containing \$10.75, her pay, which she had just received from her employer.

The presence in the city of thugs, working at the rate of four "jobs" in five days, has caused men and women who must be on the streets at night to fear for their safety.

Aroused by the boldness of the hold-up men, practically the entire force of Central Office and precinct detectives are working day and night to run them down.

Although it is practically certain that the same two white men engineered the first two "jobs," the police believe the third attack, made on Mrs. Anna M. Scherer in Kalorama road northwest Monday evening, was the work of a negro.

Colored Man Released.

The colored man of Bladensburg, Md., arrested on suspicion, in connection with the Scherer case, was released last night after he had been released by Inspector Grant, chief of detectives.

Late last night Central Office Detective Vermillion arrested another negro on suspicion and he will be questioned today. The police say he was in the neighborhood of the scene of the attack on Mrs. Scherer Monday night, but denies that he was in Kalorama road. He is being held at the First precinct.

The Tilghman girl, the fourth victim, was so frightened she was unable to tell the detectives whether her assailant was white or black or how he was dressed. The nearest she could come to a description was that he was of medium height and stocky build.

On Way to Take Car.

The colored girl told Detectives Stringfellow, Hughtlett, Embrey, Weber, and Vermillion, who hurried to the scene, that she left Mr. Blair's home and was walking along Porter street to get a Connecticut avenue car, when a man started from the side of the street, and, in a hasty way, ordered her to throw up her hands.

She was so frightened she told the detectives, who threw up her hands, and screamed at the same time. Angered by her outcry, the thug struck her twice in the face with his fist, and she fell to the ground he snatched her purse and disappeared into the darkness.

The detectives say the nearest light to the spot where the colored girl was held up is more than a block away, and, for this reason, they say she is not surprised that she was unable to distinguish the features of her assailant.

Return to Scene.

Detectives Hughtlett and Stringfellow returned to the scene as soon as it was light this morning to see if the thug had left any footprints in the soft dirt at the edge of the sidewalk and street.

From the meager description given, the colored girl's assailant might be one of the two who held up Luther A. Acker at Tenth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest Saturday night, and Allen C. Jammeon in his grocery store at 1209 Fourth and-half street, where he was being held up.

From Acker the thug got \$50, from Jammeon \$68, from Mrs. Scherer about \$5, and from the Tilghman girl \$10.75.

The two men who held up the Tilghman girl, was unable to give even a meager description of her assailant.

The two men who held up the Tilghman girl are described as follows: No. 1—Twenty-five years old, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, smooth face with mole on left temple, and wearing black derby and gray overcoat. No. 2—Thirty years old, five feet five inches, weighing 135 pounds, dark complexion, and wearing blue cap and dirty clothes.

G. O. P. IS CONFIDENT OF HOUSE CONTROL

Republicans Hint at Effort of Democrats to Seat Party Men.

Chairman Woods, of the Republican Congressional Committee, said today the Republicans undoubtedly would control the House.

Republicans say there is no question but that the Democrats will control the face of the returns. They charge the Democrats with a purpose to seat Democrats from several close districts, and this keep control.

This, say the Republicans, is the basis for the seeming assurance of the Democrats that they will control.

Canvases of close districts are not yet completed. The situation as it stands at date gives the Republicans 217, Democrats 212, with the rest scattering.

Republicans were cheered by news that Barclay of Pennsylvania on a canvass of the votes was leading his opponent.

Democratic Chairman Doremus continues to maintain the Democrats will win enough close districts to control.

CHICAGO-NEW YORK FLIGHT BY WOMAN

Miss Ruth Law Will Undertake One-Day Trip.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Miss Ruth Law, woman aviator, will make a one-day flight from Chicago to New York Friday or Saturday, it was announced here today.

Miss Law will leave Grant Park at 4 a. m. and expects to reach New York early in the afternoon. If the weather is unfavorable Friday, she will fly Saturday.

ALLIED ARMIES NEAR GOAL IN MACEDONIA

Franco-Serbian Force Battles Way Through Snow to Plains of Monastir.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Monastir, is almost within reach of General Serrail's indomitable Franco-Serbian forces after one of the most astonishing advances recorded in the great European war.

Battling against snow and rain over great natural mountain fortresses, the allied forces have now reached the plain of Monastir and today's official communique from Paris—partially confirmed in the Berlin statement—indicates sweeping back of the Bulgarian-Teutonic line, to a point within four miles of the city of Monastir itself.

Result of Flank Movement.

The new positions achieved by the Franco-Serbian troops are the result of two separate successive flanking movements.

The first involved the well-nigh impossible passage, under fire, of the mountains which guard the bend of the Cerna river, to the east of Monastir, and a thrust westward from these hard-won heights.

This is the second abandonment of positions of the Monastir plain today admitted by the Bulgarians.

The Sofia official statement of today likewise admits a "return" northward toward Tepawitz and Cigol.

Somme Battle Still Rages.

On the western front, the allies are continuing again today the same determined German counter attacks that have made this battleground a chaos of fire. In a new assault during the night French troops succeeded in dislodging German forces which had taken part of the village of Fresnoir.

The German counter attacks were repulsed, and the French counter attack was indicated in the French communique, declaring the Teutons threw three full divisions—approximately 60,000 men—against the French line.

King George has telegraphed General Haig congratulating him on the great success his troops have achieved during the past three days at the Ancre. His (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

WILSON LEAD GROWS IN CALIFORNIA COUNT

Makes Net Gain of 502 In Fifty Counties.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 16.—A net gain of 502 over the unofficial count was shown for President Wilson today in complete official Presidential returns from fifty out of the fifty-eight counties in California tabulated by the United Press. These figures tend to indicate Wilson's minimum plurality over Hughes will be between 2,700 and 3,800, unless a vital error is discovered in one of the larger cities.

In the fifty counties compiled, Hughes has a total of 157,153 against 169,743 for Wilson. The same counties, on the unofficial count gave Hughes 156,692 and Wilson 168,817.

The counties which have not yet completed the official count are Los Angeles, Alameda, San Francisco, San Diego, Butte, Fresno, San Bernardino, and Santa Clara. The difference between Hughes' net unofficial lead in these eight counties and Wilson's official lead in the other fifty counties is approximately four thousand.

Hughes Holds Lead in Returns From Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 16.—With Charles E. Hughes in the lead by 289 votes from all but three precincts, the official re-count of Hennepin county began today. This county, of which Minneapolis is the county seat, polls the largest vote in the State.

Including the unofficial vote in Hennepin county, Hughes today had 173,705; Wilson 179,416.

The official re-count may not be completed for four days.

COL. HARPER LEADS FOR INAUGURAL HEAD

Believed Probable Choice of President As Committee Chairman.

Col. Robert N. Harper, president of the District National Bank, is looked upon as the probable choice of President Wilson as chairman of the inaugural committee.

Up to the present time the President personally has given no attention to the arrangements for his inauguration, but it is probable that he may discuss the matter tomorrow with Vance McCormack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who will be a guest at the White House.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on friends of the President to have him arrive to the holding of an inaugural ball. As far as can be learned in White House quarters, however, the President has not indicated any change of heart toward an inaugural ball, which he vetoed at the outset of his Administration.

As stated exclusively in The Washington Times in the 5 o'clock edition yesterday, the President probably will take the oath of office on Sunday, March 4, although the formal inauguration ceremonies and the parade will be held on the following day.

COAL SCARCITY FELT MORE AS MERCURY CONTINUES TO DROP

Nine Schools Demand Immediate Deliveries in Order to Keep Open.

D. C. USES 100 TONS A DAY

Government Purchasing Agent to Advertise for Bids on 1,000 Tons at Once.

With the temperature last night setting a new low record for the season by 19 degrees, and continued cold and freezing promised for tonight, the soft coal shortage grew more serious here today.

Demands for immediate deliveries of coal were made upon the purchasing office of the District today by nine schools.

Three or four carloads were expected to swell the scanty supply in the Government departments, but the arrival of only one was reported up to 1 o'clock today.

Last night the mercury went down to 24 degrees. It dropped to 23 degrees today, from 25 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning to 24 degrees at 1 o'clock.

Predicts Continued Cold.

But the weather man promises that even this slight cessation of the cold will be brief.

"Continued cold, with freezing temperature tonight," is the Weather Bureau's prognostication.

Meanwhile the cold was all the more felt today in offices and schools because of the comparatively mild weather of the past weeks.

The Government departments opened today with a scant supply of soft coal. At the Treasury Department there were but nine tons of soft coal, and preparations were made to begin to use the 300 tons of hard coal laid by for such an emergency.

At the State War, and Navy there were 25 tons of soft coal and 65 tons of hard coal. At the War building, used by the Treasury, there were but 25 tons of soft coal. Agriculture has 115 tons of soft coal, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had 29 tons.

Put Where Most Needed.

Arrangements were made to distribute the coal load that came in today for the use of the buildings that needed it most.

The Interstate Commerce Commission reported that its supply is now 100 tons, though this includes some coal that has caused trouble in the furnaces by making "clinkers."

The schools that made demands for more coal were the District Vocational, Armstrong Manual Training, Eastern High, Bell, Dennison, Sumner, Arthur, and Bryant.

Mr. C. Hargrove, purchasing officer, immediately got in touch with the contractors, and it was said the deliveries would be made "today." Only one carload of coal consigned to the District government arrived this morning. Anticipating a shortage, the bureau should have advertised at once for 1,000 tons. The bids, if any are received, will be opened at the District Building Monday.

District Needs 100 Tons a Day.

Mr. Hargrove said he had been informed there was doubt as to whether any coal dealer in Washington could undertake to furnish 1,000 tons, but that he would make the attempt. It may be necessary, he said, in order to keep all the buildings open to transfer coal from one school to another.

The District is now using 100 tons a day, and if there is further drop in temperature, the amount may be increased to 150 tons a day.

Hotels, office buildings and apartment houses made efforts to have their supplies renewed.

With a heavier demand during the recent mild weather than could be supplied, the coal companies have faced, for the last twenty-four hours, an even heavier demand brought by the reminder of the colder weather.

In the face of this the coal dealers are spending every effort to make deliveries of small quantities, and thus distribute their supply among the greatest number of customers possible.

The tide is down tonight, by their mutual agreement, on talk of the shortage. They believe that reports of the shortage have caused a panic.

In addition to the cold tonight northwest winds are promised, which will make the cold more uncomfortable. The cold wave that has hit Washington is prevalent throughout the Middle Atlantic section, the Weather Bureau holds out hope of milder weather by tomorrow evening.

MEXICAN RAILROAD ATTACKED BY BANDITS

Carranza Soldiers Rush to Aid in Repressing Villistas.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 16.—Heavy fighting between Mexican Government troops and Villista bandits was in progress throughout yesterday and last night, about 150 miles out of the border on the Mexican National railway line, according to reports reaching here today.

Early today 600 Carranzistas from the Juarez Garrison were hurried south on a military train. The authorities believe Quevedo's band of Villistas were making another attempt to cut off Chihuahua City from communication with the border when they were pounded upon by Government forces. The issue of the fighting is still uncertain.

In spite of the story told by the native refugees that the ten Americans known to be in Parral had left that town before Villista attack, fears of mining men are not quieted.

Mother Jones Conveys Greetings to Wilson

Called at the White House to Day and Conveyed to President Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, her congratulations on his re-election.

"I want to congratulate him on our great victory," she said.

U. S. PREPARES TO DEFEND ADAMSON

8-HOUR LABOR LAW

Government Officials Confident Attack on Statute in Courts Will Fail.

OFFICIALS PREPARE CASE

Administration Plans Aggressive Action Seeking to Enjoin Interference by Roads.

It was made clear today that the Administration is ready to start an aggressive fight in behalf of the Adamson law, now object of concerted attack by most of the big railroads of the country.

Belief was expressed by high officials that the efforts to enjoin the operation of the law would fail.

Since, if the railroads tie up enforcement of the Adamson act, the railroad workers are expected to strike, it is the view of some of the President's direct advisers in the present situation that the courts would compel the railroads to abide by the provisions of the act.

Only Effective Six Months.

This belief is strengthened by the fact that the Adamson law is primarily a measure designed to obtain full and scientific investigation of facts on which to base legislation. It is to be effective only six months, during the time of the investigation of the application of the eight-hour day. It can be extended only thirty days at the request of the special commission appointed under the law.

By reason of the very nature of the act, Administration men are convinced, efforts to enjoin its operation will fail.

May Enjoin Interference.

On the other hand, it is thought, it may be possible to enjoin "interference" by the railroads with interstate traffic, as labor leaders were enjoined in the famous Pullman strike of two years ago.

Work of formulating the government's course of action proceeded rapidly today under direction of Assistant Attorney General E. M. Underwood and Solicitor General John Davis, assisted by Frank Hagerman, of Kansas City. It appears likely the Government would file a demurrer, claiming the Adamson law constitutional, in answer to the railroads' plea for an injunction restraining the enforcement of the law. The increasing attention being given the law is indicated by the fact being given the Supreme Court.

BUSINESS MEN AFTER N. E. A. CONVENTION

Capital Trade Bodies Start Campaign to Bring Meeting Here.

Washington is going to make an earnest effort to "land" the convention of the National Educational Association of the United States next July.

This convention would bring here from 25,000 to 40,000 persons, including delegates, associate members, and families of the members.

Decision to make every effort to get the convention for Washington was reached at a meeting of the joint committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce today.

The invitation from the trade bodies, the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education, approved at a meeting yesterday afternoon.

Washington's chances of getting the convention are believed to be good. E. L. Thurston, Superintendent of Schools, told the committee today.

WILSON SOON TO ACT ON POSTMASTERSHIPS

New York and Chicago Appointments Await Presidential Action.

President Wilson awoke today to see two old friends peering at him out of the clouds of the election campaign just closed—the New York and Chicago postmasterships.

And in the background was the picture of Postmaster General Burleson requesting that something must be done in each of the cases soon.

As a result, the President may be expected to give immediate attention to the appointments. Burleson says "New York city is entitled to an efficient postmaster and a first-class system." He adds that the present Republican incumbent must go.

The President's choice for the Chicago place has not met with the approval of Senator Lewis, so some new arrangement will have to be made.

ARMED BRITISH SHIPS HELD UP AT NORFOLK

Two Steamers With Guns on Board Await Clearance Papers.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 16.—Two armed British steamers are held here today awaiting clearance permission from the State Department. The Tonsawanda, Berkenhead to New Orleans, with crew, and a twelve-pound gun on her poop, expected to leave yesterday, but was held up.

The Rimutaka, Jamaica, New Zealand, to Plymouth, with passengers and a 10,000-ton cargo, carries a 4.7-inch gun, with fifty rounds of ammunition.

RED FIRE WELCOME FOR WILSON TONIGHT

AS THOUSANDS MARCH

TONIGHT'S PARADE

Forms—At the Capitol, 7:30 o'clock.
Starts—At Peace Monument, 8 o'clock.
Probable number of marchers—40,000.
to New York avenue, thence on Pennsylvania avenue past White house.

Disbands—At Seventeenth street.
Automobile section—More than 1,000.
Route—Pennsylvania avenue to Fifteenth street, on Fifteenth street Chief marshal—Col. Robert N. Harper.
Chief aide—Melvin C. Hazen.

Presidential salute of twenty-one bombs fired from Ellipse as vanguard of procession approaches White House.
Chorus of 300 to sing Virginia melodies in front of White House as procession passes.
Members of Cabinet and other Government officials to review parade from grandstand near White House.

RECORD PRICES DUE ON BUTTER AND EGGS

Both Going Up Because of the Weather, and Dealers Look for New High Mark.

Eggs are higher than ever before. Butter is high. Both butter and eggs are doomed for a raise.

This is the situation that faces Washington dealers today. Eggs are scarce, and the farmers are demanding sixty-cents a dozen from buyers. Butter is forty-eight cents a pound, and although no specific information could be gained concerning the cause of the probable rise in price, retail merchants here today prophesied an increase in the near future.

Weather Is Responsible.

The sudden arrival of cold weather is what is supposed to have given the added impetus to prices of both butter and eggs, especially that of eggs.

One Washington retail dealer predicted that if the cold weather continued, eggs would rise out of sight. "I have a hard time getting them now," a buyer for a local retail establishment said, "and I don't know how we will get them when it really turns cold. You see, the hens don't seem to lay in cold weather, and then facilities for getting them to market are given a set back."

No Eggs Available.

"I have traveled all through the districts near the District of Columbia, in Maryland and Virginia, and I can tell you eggs are nearly impossible to procure."

Robert M. Simmers, special agent for the Maryland State dairy and food commission, has predicted that the next few days will see butter and eggs high—higher than ever before in the history of the United States.

PLAN REFERENDUM ON SCHOOL PENSIONS

Teachers' Organization to Have Civic Bodies Vote on Retirement Project.

Announcement that a referendum of all Washington school teachers will be taken on the teachers' pension bill, approved this week by all of the fifteen teachers' associations in Washington, was made today by Miss R. E. Shanley, chairman of the committee which will urge the measure upon the next Congress.

Announcement also was made today of a special committee which will make certain changes in the bill, as outlined at a meeting this week, to conform to recommendations made at that meeting.

This committee consists of Allan Davis, chairman; Miss Flora Findley, Albert Doolittle, Miss Adelaide Davis, and Miss Clara Stutz.

As soon as this committee drafts the revised bill the general committee will meet and arrange plans for the referendum vote.

Then the Rev. Dr. Van Schaek, president of the Board of Education, and other school officials will present it to all citizens' associations, trade bodies, and other organizations, endeavoring to align the civic forces of the city for the measure.

The High School Teachers' Union will hold a mass meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the measure, and make plans for urging its passage. Other teachers' organizations will hold similar meetings.

CLERKS WILL PRESS RETIREMENT PLANS

Civil Service Employees Join in Pushing Campaign.

A mass meeting, the purpose of which will be to put on foot a real campaign in Congress to secure a retirement bill for Government employees, will be held in January, according to the plans of the civil service employees of the District.

A joint meeting was held recently in the Lodge Hall of the civil service employees, accepting the invitation of the joint retirement committee of the naval gun factory. This committee has been working on plans for a retirement bill for some time, under the leadership of Mr. H. Alcorn.

Mr. Alcorn summarized the work of his committee in the past, and urged the co-operation of all Government employees.

Mr. Jewell Jordan asked all Government employees to join forces and work for the retirement bill, and that no one should be a "free rider" unless the concerted action was taken.

Two sides of the retirement problem were presented by J. W. McConnell. The first, the case of the present superannuates, and second, the provision for those who will become superannuates.

FORD CABINET STORY DENIED IN CAPITAL

President's Friends Say Automobile Man Is Not on Slate.

Friends of President Wilson today characterized as unfounded reports to the effect that Henry Ford, the millionaire automobile manufacturer of Detroit, and leading peace advocate, is slated for a position in the Cabinet.

It is declared with emphasis that unless some of the present members of the Cabinet resign, there will be no changes. On the other hand, it is pointed out that if any new men were put in, they probably would be taken from the Far West and other sections, which gave the President heavy pluralities in the recent election, and not from States like Michigan which went heavily Republican.

Even Detroit, Mr. Ford's home city went for Mr. Hughes.

WILLIAM HITZ IS APPOINTED TO BENCH

Named to Be Associate Justice of Supreme Court.

President Wilson today named William Hitz as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to succeed the late Justice Thomas H. Anderson, who died last summer.

The appointment is a recess one, but it is not expected that any effort will be made to prevent his confirmation by the Senate.

At the same time that the White House announced the appointment of Mr. Hitz, it announced that the President had reappointed Edwin F. Sweet as Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Sweet had resigned from the post to run for Governor of Michigan, but was defeated. He was reappointed at the personal solicitation of Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Owl Was "Burglar."

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.—"In the chimney, a burglar," Samuel Robinson excitedly told two patrol wagon loads of policemen. They smoked out a poor, shivering owl.

ALL CAPITAL TO JOIN IN NOISY GREETING TO PRESIDENT

Blaring Bands and Screaming Bombs Will Feature Dazzling Spectacle.

GREAT CHORUS WILL SING

High School Cadets Will Spread Illumination in Court of Honor.

With red torches blazing, bombs screaming overhead, the music of a score of bands blaring "paeans of victory, 40,000 friends and admirers of President Wilson will march up Pennsylvania avenue tonight from the Peace Monument to the White House, to felicitate the Chief Executive on his re-election and extend him a welcome to the Capital for four more years.

The demonstration will be the largest and most spectacular night event of its kind ever staged in the Capital, and it is expected that all Washington, from the highest officials of the Government to the most lowly will turn out, to march or to view the procession.

From a grandstand in front of the White House, members of the Cabinet, heads of some of the Government departments, and probably President Wilson himself will review the parade.

CHORUS WILL SING.

As the vanguard of the procession approaches the reviewing stand a chorus of more than 300 voices, which will be a corporate stand on the opposite side of the street, will sing old Virginia melodies, a special tribute to the President and Mrs. Wilson, both of whom are Virginians.

This will be followed by a Presidential salute of twenty-one aerial bombs, which will be sent up from the Ellipse, and which will explode immediately over the White House. A feature of the bombs will be one which will contain three American flags. These will float above the White House, with the searchlight from the Raleigh roof turned full upon the parade.

Pennsylvania avenue between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets has been designated as the court of honor and Chairman George R. Linkins of the committee on illumination, announces that this space will be a veritable blaze of fire.

High School Cadets to Aid.

A brigade of high school cadets is to be lined along both sides of the court of honor waving colored torches. They also will hurl red fire and "drop bags," a new kind of illuminating material, between the stands.

The procession is to start at the Peace Monument promptly at 8 o'clock, it is stated, and it is expected that there will be an abundance of red fire distributed along the Avenue. The automobile section, which promises to be the largest group of machines ever assembled in Washington, is to form on the east plaza of the Capitol, at 8:30, and will bring up the rear of the parade.

Chairman Guy S. Whitford, of the automobile committee, has invited every automobile owner in Washington to enter his car. He states that all "one has to do is to be at the east plaza at 8:30, and are invited to decorate their machines with red, white, and blue lights and with American flags. It is not required, however, that cars be decorated.

The automobiles are to proceed up the Avenue abreast, with sufficient space between the rows to insure safety. Pullman has ordered every available resort